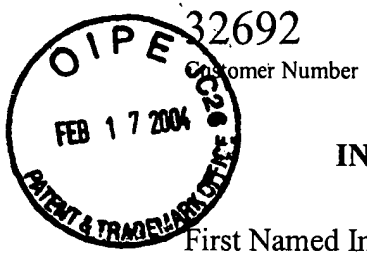


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, the claims of the application were subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to an apparatus, and classified in class 134, subclass 104.2.
- II. Claims 17-20, drawn to a process of cleaning, and classified in class 134, subclass 6.

The inventions of Group II and Group I are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The Examiner finds the inventions to be distinct, each from the other, because the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process, such as a process of cleaning without a dry cleaning step.

**Applicant hereby elects for examination the invention of Group I, drawn to an apparatus, without traverse.**

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the

fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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